## STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 6, 2014, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 6th day of February, A.D. 2014, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, James A. Marshall, after graduating from Cornell University in 1967, served four years as a US Air Force Titan II missile engineer; and

WHEREAS, upon discharge, Jim completed his Master's Degree in Education at the University at Buffalo in 1972 and began his 38-year teaching career at Clarence High School where he taught a variety of subjects to include Regents and Honors Biology, Wilderness Wise, General and Regents Chemistry, and Living Environment I and II; and

WHEREAS, from 1974, Jim taught Clarence High School's Wilderness Wise Outdoor Education class for 25 years, where students learned survival skills in the outdoors with their final exam consisting of a week-long trip to the Adirondack Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Jim taught the Living Environment Class, a two-year program to help academically challenged students pass the Regents exam and where the course design included senior students who mentored freshman students in Life Skills and Wilderness trips; and

WHEREAS, Jim also served as a liaison between Clarence schools and the Town of Clarence in the development of a nature center where Jim, as both salesman and ambassador, worked tirelessly to bring into fruition the Clarence Nature Center as we know it today; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring in 2010, Jim now spends countless hours at the Clarence Nature Center as a volunteer co-coordinator alongside Ken Schnobrich, where they have provided an outdoor classroom for thousands of Clarence students, residents, and community organizations and have made it possible for everyone to experience the wonder of nature and feel like extended family.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature recognizes James A. Marshall and acknowledges his decades of active and committed educational and community service in Western New York which has had a dramatic positive impact on the community.